

- (vii) Arranging promotional campaigns in the potential markets overseas and participation in important international fairs and exhibitions.

Supply of Coal

3228. PROF. RITA VERMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the names of ancillary units of Coal India Ltd. (CIL) which met the requirement of coal of Bokaro Steel Plant during each of the last three years alongwith the details of coal received from each ancillary unit;

(b) whether any complaints have been received from the above plant about the quality of the coal during the above period;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of deductions made in the bills of each coal company on account of supply of coal of poor quality during each of the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Bokaro Steel Plant received coal from Central Coalfields Ltd (CCL), Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL) and Northern Eastern Coalfields (NEC). Company-wise details of coal despatches to Bokaro Steel Plant during each of the last three years were as follows:-

(In '000 tonnes)

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
CCL	990.70	751.10	870.70
BCCL	2240.00	2123.00	2278.00
NEC	43.00	32.43	65.45

(b) and (c) Quality of coal despatched to Steel Plants including Bokaro Steel Plants was being determined jointly both at loading points as well as at Steel Plants ends. Complaints relating to quality of coal despatches are also raised/discussed in the monthly allocation meeting and corrective steps taken to improve quality of coal despatches.

(d) The price of coal supplied to Steel Plants is related to the quality in terms of ash percentage and accordingly adjustment of price is made. The year-wise deductions made by Bokaro Steel Plant from the bills are given below:-

(Rs.in lakh)

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
CCL	726.01	299.98	1052.05
BCCL	869.92	532.66	355.64
NEC	NIL	NIL	NIL

[Translation]

Export of Iron Ore

3229. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI:
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA:
SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether iron ore is being exported from the country;

(b) if so, the average quantum of iron ore exported during each of the last three years;

(c) the estimated quantity of iron ore reserves in the country; and

(d) the average consumption of iron ore in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The quantity of iron ore exported during the last three years is given below:-

Year	Quantity (in lakh tonnes)
1994-95	260.48
1995-96	304.00
1996-97	190.81
(April-Dec.)	

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta

(c) Recoverable reserves of iron ore (which includes proved, probable and possible reserves) as on 1.4. 1990 are 12744 million tonnes.

Source: IBM, Nagpur

(d) The domestic consumption of iron ore during the last three years is as under:

Year	Quantity (in million tonnes)
1994-95	33.4
1995-96	36.2
1996-97	24.6
(April-Nov.)	

Source : IBM, Nagpur

[English]

Small Farmer Development Bank

3230. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Small Farmers Development Bank in the country to take